

**REMARKS**

The non-elected subject matter has been canceled above, without prejudice.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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